

Editorial

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Under the title "Biography: From its Beginning to *Aban bin Uthman* (died: 170 AH)", the 2nd article of this issue is a translation of that part of the book "*Tarikh Siasi-e Islam-Sirat-e Rasul-e-Khuda*" by the renowned researcher and historian, *Ustad Rasool Jafarian* in which the author of the book has presented a very comprehensive research on a specific type of Muslim historiography, i.e. "biography". This paper highlights the importance of biographies among Muslims in the context of the introduction of these biographers' practices and compilations and gives the best motivation to follow the biographies of religious leaders, especially the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

The 3rd paper of this issue is related to the Islamic system and rules of child upbringing. In fact, from the Islamic point of view, the upbringing of a child starts from the moment of his birth. Therefore, it is the duty of parents in Islam to pave the

way for the education of their children from birth. So, under the title "Fostering Aspect of Aqiqah - an Exploratory Review", the paper argues that the jurisprudential ruling of *Aqiqah* on childbirth in Islam actually has a fostering aspect. This is the reason why *Aqiqah* is "Mustahab" (a humble task) according to famous Shia and Ahl al-Sunnah jurists and "Wajib" (a compulsory task) according to Syed Murtaza and Ibn-e Junaid al-Askafi. In this paper, the writer has described 13 fostering effects of *Aqiqah*. Hopefully, awareness of these effects will give all parents the best motivation to perform *Aqiqah* for their children.

The theme of the 4th paper is "Religious Foundations of Dialogue in the Context of Buddhist Influences in Gilgit". In fact, this paper has been edited in the light of belief in the usefulness and promotion of interfaith. According to the author, although there are no Buddhists in Gilgit-Baltistan, there are traces of Buddhism in the area. So he has initiated interfaith religious dialogue, highlighting the historical and theological status of Buddhism. We are publishing this paper in the hope that such discussions may help promote a civilization of "dialogue" instead of "war" among mankind.

The 5th paper of the current issue titled "Elimination of Poverty in the Light of the Theory of Divine Economics" contends that despite all the human progress in modern times, poverty and destitution have not been eradicated from human society. Unfortunately, economists have not been able to solve this problem. According to the author, the development of the theory of "Divine Economics" in economics can be a harbinger of poverty alleviation.

In fact, in the light of this theory, man is a mixture of two things, body and soul, and man's poverty and wealth are

related to both of them. Therefore, no theory of poverty alleviation can be comprehensive unless both the human body and soul are taken into account. Fortunately, divine economics takes both of these into account. Theology has ordered man to exercise moderation, moderation, business and political, social responsibilities in his affairs.

In the same way, it emphasized on the protection of the rights of the poor, their spiritual and material needs. It has also provided all the instructions from the production and acquisition of wealth to the appropriate distribution and spending in the society and has devised a complete system of *Zakat*, *Sadakat*, charity and *Infaq*. The essayist claims that the practical picture of the theory of divine economy can wipe out the stain of poverty and poverty from the foothills of human society.

This is a fact that unless the bonds of respect and loyalty are established among the members of a family, then the family is deprived of a life of peace and tranquility and as a result, its educational, political, social and spiritual journey also stops. Treating a woman, especially a wife, as a maidservant in the house and abusing her physically and mentally is a very low and depraved act. Of course, Islam has remedied this evil. In fact, the last paper of this issue is presented in this regard. Under the title, “Islam’s Role in Reducing Domestic Violence against Women” the respected paper writer has discussed the same tragedy and problem of human society and family.

He has made it clear how Islam condones domestic violence against women. Of course, being a Muslim, studying the contents of this article and following the golden rules of home life as described by Islam can make every family a prosperous family.

We expect that the 60th issue of our quarterly research journal “*Noor-e-Marfat*” containing 6 scholarly, research articles will

lead our readers towards new dimensions of knowledge and practice. May Allah reward all the article writers and the team of this journal with the best reward! Ameen!

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